

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No.: 09/877,832
Confirmation No.: 9982
Filing Date: June 7, 2001
Examiner: Venkataraman Balasubramanian
Group Art Unit: 1624
Applicants: Charrier, et al.
For: CASPASE INHIBITORS AND USES THEREOF

January 23, 2008
Cambridge, Massachusetts

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(1), applicants hereby petition the Director of the Patent and Trademark Office for a two-month extension of time to respond to an Office Action dated August 23, 2007. Applicants have authorized the Director to charge payment of the Extension fee. With the extension, a response is due on or before January 23, 2008.

Respectfully submitted,

/Jennifer G. Che
Jennifer G. Che (Reg. No. 58,035)
Attorney for Applicants
c/o Vertex Pharmaceuticals Incorporated
130 Waverly Street
Cambridge, Massachusetts 02139
Tel: (617) 444-6525
Fax: (617) 444-6483